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Caltrans hosting forum in Redding to discuss Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

REDDING - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is inviting contractors, community organizations and interested members of the public to a public forum Tuesday, January 24, 2006 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Caltrans office at 4300 Caterpillar Road in Redding. The purpose of the forum is to allow public comment on the Department's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.

Caltrans is required by a recent Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Ruling, Western States Paving Co., Inc. v. Washington Department of Transportation et al., to consider amending its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program goals for all federally funded projects.

After consideration of comments received during the 45-day comment period, the Department will determine whether it is able to continue with any level of race conscious programs this federal fiscal year or whether it is necessary to revise the goals to state the specified level of DBE participation will be achieved solely by race neutral resources.

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